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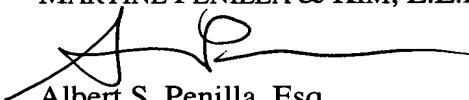
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This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,665, filed on the same day as the instant application and entitled "Chuck Assembly for Use in a Spin, Rinse, and Dry Module and Methods for Making and Implementing the Same."

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully amend the specification to advise the Office of the related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,665, filed on December 22, 2000, and entitled "Chuck Assembly for Use in a Spin, Rinse, and Dry Module and Methods for Making and Implementing the Same."

The Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the subject application, and respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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